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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John B. Freese

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For: HYBRID ROUTER

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Art Unit: 3725

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Examiner: Self, Shelley M.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated December 20, 2004. The examiner has restricted the claims to four separate groups. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction because it is based upon an erroneous characterization of the claims. More particularly, with regard to Group I which consists of claims 1-22, 29-31 and 38-43, the examiner states that it is drawn to a router, plunge base locking mechanism combination. This is simply incorrect. If claim 1 is examined, it is abundantly clear that it is directed to a hybrid router that is capable of operating as a fixed

base router or a plunge router and comprises a motor assembly, a fixed base assembly and a plunge base assembly. It is simply not directed only to a plunge base. Since this is a generic claim that covers both fixed base and plunge routers and is believed to cover the claims of Groups I, III and IV, the restriction requirement is believed to be erroneously based. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

As required, applicants elect the claims of Group I for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

(X) Enclosed is a Response to Office Action.

( ) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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